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MAGNETORESISTIVE DEVICE AND

MAGNETIC MEMORY APPARATUS

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The name of the eighth listed inventor is incorrect, "Hiroshi Kang" should be:

-- Hiroshi Kano --.

Also, the Filing Receipt incorrectly recites the title as "Magnetoresistant device and magnetic memory device further comments," the title should read as follows:

-- Magnetoresistive device and magnetic memory apparatus --

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Title

Magnetoresistive

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